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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations on failure to discharge the duties properly in initiating action against the unauthorized and irregular construction of Apartments in Srikakulam Municipality - Departmental action initiated by framing articles of charges against Sri B.Suresh Kumar, the then Town Planning Officer (i/c.) and four (4) other Town Planning officials of Srikakulam Municipality – Enquiry conducted - Charges held 'not proved' – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.635 **Dated.26.08.2022.**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.90 (C.No.1106/V&E/D1/2016), dated.19.09.2017.
2. G.O.Rt.No.148, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.14.02.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.151, 153 & 154, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.14.02.2018.
4. Written Statement of Defence / Served copies of Sri Y.Umamaheswara Rao, the then I/c. TPO., Sri B.Suresh, the then I/c. TPO., and Sri A.Satyamurthy, the then TPO., Srikakulam.
5. G.O.Rt.No.501, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.13.08.2019.
6. G.O.Rt.No.502, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.13.08.2019.
7. G.O.Rt.No.515, MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., dated.13.11.2020.
8. From Smt. R.J.Vidyullatha, Chief City Planner & Enquiry Officer, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, Enquiry Report, Dated.16.12.2021.
9. Govt.Memo.No.863317/Vig.i/2017, dated.11.04.2022.
10. Written Representations of Sri B.Suresh, the then I/c. TPO., Sri Y.Umamaheswara Rao, the then I/c. TPO., and Sri A.Satyamurthy, the then TPO., Srikakulam received through the DTCP., Letter, dt.24.05.2022.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that, the Vigilance & Enforcement Department conducted an enquiry with regard to allegations on failure to discharge the duties properly in initiating action against the unauthorized and irregular construction of Apartments in Srikakulam Municipality. In the reference 1st read above, the G.A. (V&E) Department, among others, recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri B.Suresh Kumar, the then Town Planning Officer (i/c.) and four (4) other Town Planning Officials of Srikakulam Municipality for allowing the unauthorized constructions.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against B.Suresh Kumar, the then Town Planning Officer (i/c.) and four (4) other Town Planning Officials of Srikakulam Municipality under Rule-24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the reference 3rd read above, among others, articles of charges were framed against Sri A.Satyamurthy, the then

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TPO., Sri Y.Umamaheswara Rao, the then I/c. TPO., and Sri B.Suresh, the then I/c. TPO., Srikakulam Municipality under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly directing them to submit their written statement of defence thereon.

3. Government after following due procedure, appointed Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, as an Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri B.Suresh Kumar, the then TPO (i/c.) and four (4) other Town Planning Officials of Srikakulam Municipality vide reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, Sri D.Rambabu, Deputy Director, GVMC., Visakhapatnam was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the enquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority. Subsequently, enquiry officer was changed and Smt. R.J.Vidyullatha, Chief City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam was appointed as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri B.Suresh Kumar, the then TPO (i/c.) and four (4) other Officials of Srikakulam Municipality vide reference 7th read above.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the enquiry officer Smt. R.J.Vidyullatha, Chief City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam submitted enquiry report and concluded that, among others, all the four (4) charges framed against Sri A.Satyamurthy, the then TPO., Sri Y.Umamaheswara Rao, the then I/c. TPO., and Sri B.Suresh, the then I/c. TPO., Srikakulam Municipality were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

5. Government examined the enquiry report in detail and communicated a copy of enquiry report to Sri B.Suresh Kumar, the then TPO (i/c.) and four (4) other Officials of Srikakulam Municipality under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the enquiry report vide reference 9th read above.

6. In the reference 10th read above, Sri B.Suresh, the then I/c. TPO., Sri Y.Umamaheswara Rao, the then I/c. TPO., and Sri A.Satyamurthy, the then TPO., Srikakulam Municipality have submitted their written representations, accepted the findings of the enquiry report and requested to drop further action against them in the mater, as the charges framed against them were not held proved in the enquiry.

7. Government have examined the written representations of the charged officers; keeping in view the findings of Enquiry Officer and decided to drop further action against Sri B.Suresh, the then I/c. TPO., Sri Y.Umamaheswara Rao, the then I/c. TPO., and Sri A.Satyamurthy, the then TPO., Srikakulam Municipality, since the charges framed against them were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (1) Sri B.Suresh, the then I/c. Town Planning Officer, (2) Sri Y.Umamaheswara Rao, the then I/c. Town Planning Officer and (3) Sri A.Satyamurthy, the then Town Planning Officer, Srikakulam Municipality, since the charges framed against them were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

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9. The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Suresh Kumar, the then I/c. TPO., Srikakulam Municipality - **through** the DTCP., A.P., Guntur.
Sri Y.Umamaheswara Rao, the then I/c. TPO., Srikakulam Municipality - **through** the DTCP., A.P., Guntur.
Sri A.Satyamurthy, the then TPO., Srikakulam Municipality - **through** the DTCP., A.P., Guntur.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur.

Copy to:
The G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
SF/SC (E.No.329070).

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.